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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donovan   Docket: RIC99057

Serial No.: 09/435,540   Art Unit: 2766

Filed: November 8, 1999   Examiner: Not Assigned

Title: METHOD OF COMBINING INTERNET PROTOCOLS FOR SESSION SETUP,
TEARDOWN, AUTHENTICATION, AUTHORIZATION, AND ACCOUNTING
USING THE DIFFERENTIATED SERVICES MODEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.   20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, prior to the Background of the Invention Section, please amend the specification by deleting
the section entitled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" and replace with the
following:

--This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional
application Serial No. 60/163,913, filed November 5, 1999.--

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes to the specification by the current
amendment. The attached page is captioned **"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW
CHANGES MADE."**